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Man indicted for 2015 double murder

Suspect Laron Graham already in prison for unrelated charges

By ALEX MCCARTHY
JUNEAU EMPIRE

More than two years after a double murder on Douglas Island, authori-

ties believe they've identified the killer.

A Juneau grand jury on Friday indicted Laron Carlton Graham, 40, for two counts of first-degree

murder for the Nov. 15, 2015 shooting deaths of 36-year-old Robert H. Meireis and 34-year-old Elizabeth K. Tonsmeire. Graham is currently in

prison at Spring Creek Correctional Center in Seward on unrelated charges.

On Nov. 15, 2015, Meireis and Tonsmeire were found shot dead at

the Admiralty Condos on Douglas Island.

Juneau police announced the indictment via a press release Friday afternoon. In its release, JPD referred all questions

to the District Attorney's Office. Assistant Attorney General Cori Mills said the District Attorney's Office will not be releasing any further information

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PERATROVICH DAY



CENTER: Elizabeth Peratrovich, pictured at 34 years old.



LEFT: Roy Peratrovich Sr. and his framed Alaska Native Brotherhood card.



RIGHT: Roy Peratrovich Jr. shared with the Empire some excerpts from the last letter his mother sent him, dated January 1957.

COURTESY IMAGES | ROY PERATROVICH JR.

“The ability to understand without condemnation, to accept our friends and enemies in light of their weaknesses is something we must acquire early in life in order to find happiness in this world.”

ELIZABETH PERATROVICH

Elizabeth Peratrovich celebration highlights lesser-known civil rights figures

Haa daat has nák, haa léelk'u há:s: Our grandparents are standing around us (giving us support)

Part of that speech included the biting retort for which the figure is now known.

“I would not have expected that I, who am barely out of savagery, would have to remind gentlemen with 5,000 years of recorded civilization behind them, of our Bill of Rights,” she said.

Alaska Native leaders and community members celebrated Peratrovich's legacy Friday at the Uni-

Facebook live

Watch a video of the celebration at [facebook.com/juneauempire](https://www.facebook.com/juneauempire).

iversity of Alaska Southeast Egan Library. The theme of the celebration was *Haa daat has nák, haa léelk'u há:s* which translates in English as “our grandparents are standing around us (giving us support)”

Friday's celebration made it clear that Peratro-

vich stood on the shoulders of those who came before her, and those who came after, in turn, were only able to make a difference standing on hers.

Living Native leaders were honored with two honorary *kooginaa* or sashes. The Alaska Native Sisterhood, camp 2, honored sister Ann Chilton, while ANS Glacier Valley, camp 70, honored longtime sister Anne Fuller.

Elizabeth Peratrovich

was a matriarch, Alaska Native Brotherhood Grand Camp President Sasha Soboleff said. Though not many outside the community know it, women are the decision-makers in Tlingit society, he said.

As such Peratrovich is a model on how to be a leader. Soboleff called for tolerance and “simultane-ousness” between Alaska Native and non-Native Alaskans.

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HEALTH

Mumps in town

Rare disease reaches capital city for first time in 20 years as outbreak continues in Anchorage

By ALEX MCCARTHY
JUNEAU EMPIRE

For the first time in 20 years, doctors have confirmed the presence of mumps in Juneau.

As of Thursday, there

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STATE

Former JDHS teacher will run for House

Sara Hannan files letter of intent with Alaska Public Offices Commission

By JAMES BROOKS
JUNEAU EMPIRE

A former Juneau-Douglas High School teacher has filed to run for the Alaska House seat currently held by Rep. Sam Kito III, D-Juneau, representing Skagway, Haines, Gustavus and downtown Juneau.

Sara Hannan of Douglas filed a letter of intent Wednesday that allows her to raise money for the 2018 election season.

“I’m going to run for state House District 33,” she said by phone Friday morning.

Hannan retired from teaching in 2016 and said she now has “some time

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